

IF IT HAPPENS IT'S IN THE HERALD.

PEACE TREATY IS COMPLETED

Quite Likely to Be Signed Some Time Today.

RUSSIANS ARE IMPATIENT

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WITTE AND KOMURA.

Portsmouth, Sept. 3.—From an official source the Associated Press is informed that the treaty is completed. It consists of a preamble and seventeen articles, the substance of all of which have been given in the Associated Press dispatches. But there were still differences about the wording of the protocol of the last sitting, which must be signed before the treaty itself can be signed. The Japanese presented a protocol to which the Russians took exception. The differences, however, are expected to be straightened out before noon tomorrow, and it seems quite possible the treaty will be signed tomorrow afternoon. M. De Munster, who is extremely anxious to get back to Russia, has engaged passage on the La Lorraine, sailing from New York Thursday, and leaves here on Wednesday.

PORTSMOUTH, Sept. 3.—After being treated to every variety of weather, the peace conference promises to end in the midst of a raging northeaster. Since last night it has been blowing a gale, accompanied by torrents of rain. According to local traditions, such northeasters continue for three days, so that it probably will last over the day on which the treaty is signed.

Anxious for the End.

The plenipotentiaries and attaches of the two nations seem to be fully anxious for the curtain to ring down on the final act of the drama as the little colony of newspaper correspondents and summer guests who are waiting to be "in at the death." The work of engrossing the treaty has already begun. Mr. Rojstevsky doing the calligraphic work of the French and Mr. Adashi that of the English text. Controversies over the phraseology still continue, and there were several conferences today between M. De Munster and Mr. Denison, differences being referred for adjustment to the principals. The Japanese are proving great sticklers for words, they cling tenaciously to their ideas. Careful preparation and methods have been the secret of their successes on land and sea, and in their diplomatic struggles at Portsmouth the same qualities have been displayed.

Komura and Witte.

In the sittings of the conference Baron Komura always stated the Japanese position upon a given point briefly, but with great force. M. Witte, whose method was entirely different, would try to draw out explanations he would stick doggedly to the statement he had made. M. Witte, a man of affairs, resourceful and talented as he is admitted to be, had his case in his head. He never brought any papers with him. He met everything which came up in an offhand way, weighing it instantly in his mind, analyzing it, arguing the logic pro and con, and stating his views quite bluntly, never asking time to consider.

Baron Komura, on the other hand, could with the greatest difficulty be induced to enter into the region of argument. He stuck to the brief before him. Speaking always quite slowly, he would repeat over and over again what he had stated, as if he had learned his lesson by rote. Several times M. Witte, who understood perfectly what you say, but what do you mean—what is your real object?

Japanese Persistency.

The Baron Komura would go back and restate his proposition almost exactly as he had done originally. By insisting, insisting, insisting, Baron Komura would sometimes catch M. Witte off his guard and provoke him into statements which were always eagerly seized upon. As a final resort Baron Komura was always ready with a written solution of a question and would produce it suddenly, saying: "This is what we propose. What have you got to offer?" Then the value of preparation and foresightfulness was apparent. M. Witte seldom had a crystallized counter-proposition to make. But on the other hand, whenever M. Witte succeeded in leading his adversary into the realm of argument where previous preparation availed nothing, he had Baron Komura at a disadvantage. One of those present likened Baron Komura as a horse in "blinders." As his work cut out ahead of him he got along swimmingly, but the instant he was off the road into the woods, with the "blinders" removed, he appeared to be confused and lost, and mastered back as speedily as possible to the road he had mentally traversed so often and with every foot of which he was familiar.

M. Witte Impatient.

Now when the Japanese are still continuing their policy of insistence upon words and phrases, M. Witte is showing considerable impatience. He is extremely anxious to have the treaty finished and signed at the earliest moment to preclude the possibility of pressure from the home government upon minor points. Especially at St. Petersburg there is constant danger that instructions at the last moment may come to try to get this concession or that concession, and thus bring only diplomatic discussions which might indefinitely prolong the negotiations.

One of the attaches illustrated the position of the home government by telling the story of the man who had asked from a tailor a sack suit. He was satisfied with a sack suit until he returned with some friends to try on the coat. It was only when he was asked that a frock coat or a cut-away would have been more suitable that the man grew discontented.

"We don't want that to arise," said the attaché. "The plenipotentiaries are the tailors, and if their friends at home object now they can only say, 'You should have thought of a tail coat before.'"

ONCE MORE THE OLD VETS MEET

Encampment of the G. A. R. Begins in Denver Today.

ENORMOUS CROWD THERE

FIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE CHIEF OFFICE.

DENVER, Sept. 3.—The thirty-ninth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will begin in this city tomorrow. The city is crowded with guests and heavily loaded trains are arriving at the union station from all directions. In order to facilitate the handling of passenger trains, the Santa Fe has ordered all freight trains annulled for the next twenty-four hours. The travel on this line is exceedingly heavy. Other roads where traffic is heavy are considering the advisability of taking similar action. The officers of the local executive committee persist in their belief that the coming encampment will be the largest in the history of the organization.

Wires Being Pulled.

At headquarters and in the lobbies of hotels already is heard the discussion of the election of officers and the place of the next meeting.

There are five candidates for the office of commander-in-chief, namely: Corporal James Tamm of New York, Robert Brown of Ohio, Colonel Burroughs of New Jersey, ex-Congressman Charles Burton of Missouri and General George Stone of California.

Four cities are in the race for the 1906 meeting place. They are: Chattanooga, Tenn.; Columbus, O.; Minneapolis and Buffalo. The custom of giving the office of senior vice commander to the city entertaining the encampment has brought two candidates into the position into the field from this city—General George W. Cook, chairman of the local encampment executive committee, and C. S. Hoeller.

Business to Be Considered.

Some of the important business to be considered by the encampment in its secret sessions, which begin on Thursday morning, will be proposed changes in the constitution and recommendations to the congressional committee. The latter will be asked to endeavor to have congress pass a new pension pension bill that will have no age limit.

One proposition is to pension veterans of the Civil war, whether injured or not, on a fixed basis; that is to say, a certain amount for each day of service. There is a proposition under consideration to change the constitution so as to provide for a new office, that of a patriotic instructor. Each post will have an instructor of this kind, whose duty it will be to organize the public schools as a teacher of patriotism. A department official, to be created, will have supervision of the post instructor, and a national official will have supreme authority over all of them. Each shall have an insignia of office.

Change of Ratio.

Another proposed constitutional amendment is one changing the ratio of representation in the national encampment from one representative for every 750 members to one for every 500 members, and still another purpose is to make it obligatory upon posts to suspend members in arrears for twelve months when two months' notification has been given.

Search for Wife's Grave.

J. U. Metcalf of Omaha in Cheyenne Trying to Establish Right to Property. (Special to The Herald.) Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 3.—J. U. Metcalf of Omaha, Nebraska, is in the city in search of the grave of his wife, Mrs. Metcalf, who he claims died in this city nearly thirty years ago. Metcalf is an old soldier, and will visit the G. A. R. convention at Denver next week. After the convention he will return to Omaha, where he was married a second time in 1869 by the same woman. Metcalf has much trouble, and in 1875 he secured a divorce. In the meantime a child had been born to this child by the court was given to the custody of the father. During the following year the child died, and this severed any bond which might have existed between them. Mrs. Metcalf came to Cheyenne during 1878, and a short time afterward Metcalf learned that she had dropped dead on the street from heart disease.

Thirteen years ago the mother of Mrs. Metcalf, who was equally divided between Metcalf and her brother, Peter Metcalf of Palmyra, Nebraska. Metcalf knew nothing of the place of Mrs. Metcalf's death. Up to this time Metcalf has kept the provisions of his mother's will to himself, but losing all hope of finding proof of his sister's death, he finally requested the particulars from Metcalf. If Metcalf is able to procure particulars of the death of his wife, he will receive her share of the property. Metcalf was made to Mrs. Julia Metcalf and Mrs. M. U. Metcalf.

CAMPAIN IN CUBA.

Havana, Sept. 3.—The followers of Governor Numa in the Nationalist party here tonight declared for the maintenance of the General Assembly, while at the same time the Moderates in the forthcoming presidential campaign against the Liberal Fusionists.

WILL MAINTAIN RATES.

Liverpool, Sept. 3.—All the steamship lines, both British and colonial, have agreed to maintain the rates on the North Atlantic conference and are therefore free to act independently regarding passenger rates, etc. It is authoritative news that the agreement of the lines will take the responsibility of making changes, and that everything will continue as though the conference were still in existence.

ARRIVED AT GENOA.

Genoa, Sept. 3.—The United States cruiser Albatross, with Rear Admiral Chesnut, superintendent of the United States naval operations and others of the American expedition who observed the eclipse of the sun Aug. 30, arrived here today from Algeria.

SHARP LOOKOUT IS BEING KEPT

Whole World on Guard Against Cholera Infection.

LITTLE DANGER OVER HERE

OPINION OF LEADING GERMAN EXPERT.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The Hamburg-American line steamship Blucher, the first vessel to arrive from Hamburg since the appearance of cholera in Germany, was detained at quarantine for more than two hours today while health officers subjected passengers and crew to rigid examinations. The long detention caused some alarm, as it was feared the delay meant the dreaded disease or its symptoms had been discovered on board. There was consequently much rejoicing when it was made known that, save for a case of measles which had developed in the steerage, the vessel was absolutely clear of illness.

THIS COUNTRY SAFE.

No Danger of Cholera Being Brought Over From Hamburg.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—Dr. Nocht, harbor physician for the government, said today, in reply to inquiries made by the Associated Press concerning cholera, telegraphs as follows: "The trans-shipment of Russian emigrants having been suspended at Hamburg, further cholera infection is improbable."

"The room companion of the first case has a light attack, but otherwise all the emigrants are healthy."

"Three emigrants due to sail last Thursday on the steamer Moltke for New York were landed and since then have been under medical observation. All are healthy. The drinking water and the sanitary arrangements here are faultless and consequently an epidemic is unlikely."

No Cause for Alarm.

"Single instances naturally, in spite of the greatest care, cannot always be prevented, but no danger exists for the country. I am convinced that all means for opposing the cholera are in use. We are going to meet the future with tranquility and we hold that Americans have no grounds for disquietude."

(Signed) "NOCHT."

The statement by Dr. Nocht that the emigrants did not sail on the steamer Moltke and are in quarantine is correct, as is shown by the following telegram received from Hamburg:

Emigrants Were Land.

"About eighty emigrants had traveled from Russia with a man who did from cholera. They passed two medical stations on the way and a portion of the detachment was on board and the steamer Moltke was in the lower Elbe when the cholera struck. The senate was summoned and a representative of the Hamburg-American Steamship company was invited to be present. It was decided to immediately debark the emigrants, which was done."

The opinion is expressed in Berlin that the United States seaboard has been visited by emigrants from Russia at Trieste than from German ports, as cholera is already in Austrian Poland.

Precautions at London.

London, Sept. 3.—The port sanitary authorities are adopting all necessary measures to deal with the possible infection of cholera. A large medical station has been opened at the docks, and the entrance to the Thames. No alarm has as yet been manifested in England, but some newspapers are calling upon the government to take measures for the exclusion of the Russian emigrants.

RAIN AND WIND STORM

Great Damage to Property in New York—Partly Constructed Walls Collapse.

New York, Sept. 3.—A rain and wind storm of unusual severity swept over New York early today and wrought much damage in the way of flooded cellars, delayed traffic and the crumbling of the walls of a number of buildings under construction. According to the official report of the weather bureau the storm began here at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and continued until 11 p. m. today. During that time 3.3 inches of rain fell. This flood of water took the sewage facilities of the city and in the downtown section overran the gutters and poured down the streets. The underground conduits of the surface railroad were filled with water, causing numerous accidents. At West 125th street, along the river front the damage was great. In Brooklyn several partly constructed houses collapsed.

WARFARE IN MOROCCO

Battle Between Angoras and Raisuli's Brigands—Authorities Are Powerless.

Tangier, Sept. 3.—A French Jew was found murdered here Saturday night. The powerful tribe of Angoras is seeking to force the brigand Raisuli to meet them at the foot of the mountain, where they are to fight for their superiority in numbers to win. The Angoras raided three villages under Raisuli's authority near Tangier, carrying off large herds of cattle and sheep, and in several skirmishes that ensued were killed on both sides were killed or wounded. The suburbs of Tangier have been deserted by Europeans. The Angoras are seeking to capture Raisuli and hold him for ransom. The Moroccan authorities are powerless, as they fear Raisuli and the Angoras.

REPORTS WERE FALSE.

Rome, Sept. 3.—The Associated Press is requested by a high Vatican authority to state that reports circulated to the effect that there had been great thefts of Vatican treasures are absolutely untrue. A few artistically bound albums were stolen by a few dunces, but this theft was not looked upon seriously, and the Vatican treasures are safe.

GOVERNMENT USE ONLY.

New York, Sept. 3.—The Commercial Cable company is advised by Hongkong that for the present the Pootung cable is closed to all but government traffic.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE.



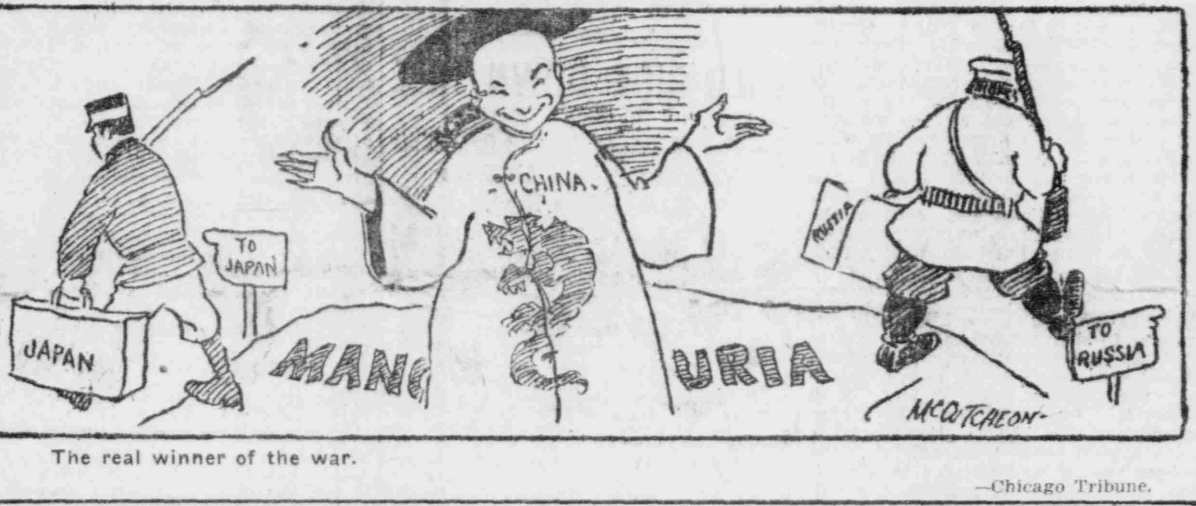
Komura—"And now, Mr. Witte, just between friends, how would Russia have treated Japan if we had lost every battle and all our navy?"



General Linevitch may now be able to spend the remainder of his days telling the boys at the corner grocery store just what he would have done to Oyama if he had been given a chance.



The Russian Prisoners in Japan may now return to their happy homes in Russia and Siberia.



The real winner of the war.

TAFT PARTY IN CHINA

Interesting Developments Expected as a Result of the Visit of the Secretary.

Hong Kong, Sept. 3.—The transport Logan with Secretary of War Taft and party on board arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning. All the party are well. Owing to the unpleasant anti-American demonstrations and the display of posters from Russia, the Secretary and party should go to Canton as planned at once. Consul General Bragg advised that the visit be not made. Secretary Taft, however, decided to go at 3 o'clock tonight. He will arrive there in the morning. Only men will be guests at the banquet which will be given by the viceroys, who will be absent. Interesting developments are expected as a result of the visit. The Secretary and party should go to Canton as planned at once. Consul General Bragg advised that the visit be not made. Secretary Taft, however, decided to go at 3 o'clock tonight. He will arrive there in the morning. Only men will be guests at the banquet which will be given by the viceroys, who will be absent. 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